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## By certified mail, return receipt requested and e-mail

August 10, 2006

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Re: Notice of Formal Hearing for Slamming Complaint

Docket Number: **06-SL-1** 

Telephone Number(s) at Issue: 781-255-0619

Dear Attorneys Gruber and Appruzzese:

**Michael Naughton** has notified the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") that his telecommunications service provider was changed without authorization and has requested a formal hearing. Under M.G.L c. 93, § 110 (i), (j), the Department is required to hold a hearing to determine whether the consumer's original telecommunications provider was switched without proper authorization. If any party fails to appear, the Department may issue a decision against the party failing to appear and/or dismiss the case.

The hearing is scheduled for **THURSDAY**, **AUGUST 31**, **2006** at **10:00** a.m. and is to be held in the Department's offices at One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. In accordance with the Department's directives in <u>Western Massachusetts Electric Company</u>, D.T.E. 01-36/02-02 (2003) and <u>Commonwealth Learning Center</u>, D.T.E. 03-04-31 (2004), **AT&T Communications of New England, Inc.** is required to be represented by counsel at this

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hearing. The Department will consider all information and evidence provided by you and the consumer to reach a decision.

If you have any questions regarding this case, please contact Andrea Saia at 617-305-3612.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mary L. Cottrell Department Secretary

cc: Michael J. Naughton Alexander W. Moore, Verizon New England, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts John L. Conroy, Verizon Massachusetts